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ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT'S FORMER WIFE, actress Faye Emerson, and syndicated scrivener Robert Ruark may soon make public their romantic news. . . More than 12 patrons last week told the Stork Club hatchick to put the two-bits tip on their bar bill. . .



Hearst editorial essayist John D. Harris' new book, "The Junkie Priest," will be available in April. It is about Father Danie Egan, who helps addicts. . . Diahann Carroll's next groom, star Sidney Poitier, asked his estranged wife for a divorce. . . Anthony Root, son of Lynn Root ("Cabin in the Sky" author), and Mary Gunther were United on the 25th. Her pater is Mayor of Beverly Hills, Cal. . . Khrushchev's top men (here on the wheat deal) have many suites on three floors at the St. Moritz hotel. . . The unsolved Janice Wylie murder case now has police tackling what some sleuths suspected from the start.

MOST NEW YORKERS do not know that the famed toy store at 58th and 5th is owned by Parents Magazine. . . The CIA is having trouble recruiting staffers. They are contacting university execs to help find capables. . . Joan Fontaine, the bride, neglected her honeymoon last week on the 1st day! To attend a Brandeis U. event at "21." . . (Fine Theeng.) . . "Plaza 9" writer Wm. Brown and Ronald Graham's former wife, Ellen Hanley, are Cloud 9'ing. . . Beauteous Christine Norden's steadiest boy-friend is an ex-State Dept. biggie.

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PROF. CHAS. VAN DOREN (of the TV quiz scandals) has been writing books under other names. His next: "Growing Up in The Great Depression." . . Marlene Dietrich (she started many wild fads) has a new mild one. Beer-on-the-rocks. . . Janet Murch (of the World's Fair protocol staff) and CBS exec D. White will be wedlocked. . . Lena Horne planning to run for Congress? She will start politicking soon. . .

Beverly-Wilshire floor neighbors of The Great Lovers chuckled at news pix showing them lovey-dovey at airport and other press conferences. Their late-night battles were sleep-wreckers. . . The "key" man in the B'way ticket scandal is just that—Key. Insiders will Get That. . . Three times date last week at The Strollers Theatre-Club: Ethel Barrymore's boy Sam Colt and Michael Arlen's dgthr Venetia. Altar-bound???

IAN FLEMING got \$35,000—they say—from Playboy for another James Bonder titled: "You Only Live Twice." . . Whyzit okay to tippie booze at the Met Opera House but not in sny Broadway playhouse? . . . Life's front cover of C. Chaplin's dgthr was a joy to the wags. They draw a short mustache under her pretty nose and the cover became Charlie.



TV'S TOP DON'T-INVITEM: Garry Moore and Bob Banner, the producer that Mr. Moore reportedly "rescued from oblivion" and "made a multi-millionaire." . . NBC's top execs Sarnoff & Kinter (Songs, Dances and Gitty Sayings) earned that network over 140 major awards in '63. . . This'll be denied but pay no att'n to the deniers. Most Goldwater backers pledged that Mr. Arizona will swing to Nixon—When & If. . . We recently noted that Nixon's campaign strategy in New Hampshire would be a write-in vote. When Gov. Powell withdrew he urged voters there to "write-in" Nixon's name. . . Eastern Airlines won the franchise to land at the World's Fair. . . G-Men are trying to trace the person who supposedly accompanied Lenin-Marxman Lee Oswald to Mexico when he was plotting his escape-route.

IRONY DEPT.: The only business periodical to show a loss last year (because of an ad-revenue drop) is Fortune mag. . . Helen G. Brown's next book will be ready in June, "Sex and the Office." . . A psychiatrist told Arthur Murray how you can tell who's netz: If you think you're crazy, you ain't. If you think everybody else is you are. . . You'd be amazed at the number of night clubs that fold fast because the lighting is not flattering to female complexions. . . We wish the NYC Health Commissioner would make up his mind. He's against cigarets, but is waging his campaign against VD on match-book covers—which are given free when you buy a pack of ciggies. . . Seloosiv skewp from a pal covering the Viet Nam scene: Sizing up Saigon he chuckles: "Very civilized. Good food and obliging women."

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